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Subject:— LAGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUESTION.

LAQ by shri A.J. Doddameti regarding Dharma River Project.

C [K] 1957.

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[G. R. No. 2408, dated 22-6-22.]

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Subject:— River Project
Dharma
CQ No 3496 by Sh. AJ
Doddameti Dharma North.

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References:—

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No. 6109

BOMBAY LEGISLATURE DEPARTMENT, COUNCIL HALL:

Letter No. Q/*3496. Bombay ~~Poona~~, 6th ~~August~~ Sept. 1951.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department, Bombay.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a question (copy below) proposed to be put in the Legislative Assembly, and to state that it has been admitted by the Honourable the Speaker.

Yours faithfully,

S. K. SHEODE,

Secretary to the Bombay Legislative Assembly.

Copy forwarded with compliments to Shri A.J. Doddameti, M.L.A., for information.

2. The question has been admitted in an amended form.

Dharma River Project.

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No. 6109
Bombay Legislature Department,
Council Hall,
Poona, 6th ~~August~~ Sept. 1951.

From

The Secretary to the Bombay Legislature Department,

To

The Secretary to Government,
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Sir,

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I am, further to state that the question was intended to be tabled as Short Notice Question by the member, but as it is not considered to be of an urgent nature, the Honourable the Speaker/~~Chairman~~ has admitted it as an ordinary starred question.

Yours faithfully,

(A.K.PATEL)
for Secretary to the Bombay Legislature Department.

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File No. LAQ 951 RRP.
Serial No. 77729

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~~Below copies of letter No. 6109~~ dated

1.1 - the 6-9-57 from the Secy. B.L.A. &
its account., (A.No. 5496) re. Dharma
~~Kalu Project.~~

Endorse on a copy of the Assembly question noted

~~Immediate~~

No. LA 957 RRP-J

R.W.D.
B.E. (Block No. 1)
11th Sept., 1957

Copy forwarded to the S.E., K.I.B.,
for ~~favour of~~ report.

~~on or before the 16th September 1957~~

By order, etc.
A.A.O.

Issue at once
11/9 ~~copies~~ Copies forwarded to the Ex. Engr., J.P.D. (South)
for ~~information~~ :
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IMMEDIATE.

No.LAQ 951 RRP J.

Public Works Department,
Bombay Castle (Bombay No. 1),
11th September 1951.

Copy forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, Karnatak Irrigation Circle, for report.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,

S.S. Jadhav

Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department.

Copies forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Project Division (South).

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Submitted.

2. This is only a copy of the Assembly question on which report has already been called for, from the S.E. Hon. I. C. who may, if appd, be expedited as per draft put up for appl. pp. 9-10 ante— p 15 post—

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Express Letter. 13

From: Bom works, B'bay.

To: The S.E., Kar. I. C., Dharwar.

No. LAG 951 RRP-J.

P.W.D.,
B.C., (B'bay No.1),
20th Sept. 57.

pp. 9-10 ante

Ref:- S.E. No. LAG 951 RRP J dated the 11-9-1957
re Assembly question about
~~Tungbhadra~~ Dhalma River Project

2. Please expedite submission of your report. ~~urg~~
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to A.A.S.

Copy forwarded to the Ex. Engr, Irrign. Project Div. (South).

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EXPRESS LETTER. 47 15

From: Bomworks, Bombay.

To : The Superintending Engineer,
Karnatak Irrigation Circle, Dharwar.

No.LAQ 951 RRP J.

Public Works Department,
Bombay Castle (Bombay No.1),
20th September 1951.

Reference: Government Endorsement No.LAQ 951 RRP J, dated the 11th September 1951, regarding Assembly question about Dharma River Project.

2. Please expedite submission of your report.

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For Asaistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department.

Copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Project Division (South).

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The S.E., Kas. D.C. expedited under No. LAG 957 RRP J dated the -10-51 marked "Very Urgent"

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BY EXPRESS DELIVERY

No. G-119

Office of the Superintending Engineer,
Karnatak Irrigation Circle,
Dharwar, 27/9 Septr. 1951.

To

The Chief Engineer to the
Government of Bombay,
Public Works Department,
Bombay-1.

Subject:- Yemgalli Storage Project -
Assembly Question No.3496 by
Shri. A.J.Daddameti regarding the...

Reference: Government Endorsement P. & D.No. LAQ-951-RRP-J, dated the 11th September 1951.

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I have to report on the various points of the Assembly Question as under:-

(1) What are the concrete results, if any, as finalised in the preliminary survey work of Dharma Project?

After the Yemgalli Storage Reservoir Project was taken up by the Karnatak Irrigation Circle for further investigations which included detailed consideration of the difficult engineering problems concerning the waste-weir arrangements on fresh lines, it has finally by been decided that the earthen dam at the Yemgalli site should be designed for the larger storage of 784 m.cft. instead of the original 309 mcft. for ensuring sufficient numbers of waterings to an area of about 9000 acres of paddy lands at present being irrigated by the Dharma Canal and also to irrigate an additional area of 5000 acres commanded by the canal, by extending the existing distribution system. The scheme, as envisaged now, is thus intended to offset the ill effects of uncertain supplies of river waters (on which the existing Dharma Canal has to depend upon for want of an independent storage) and provide irrigation facilities of an assured nature over the entire commanded area of the Dharma Canal. The difficult problem of the waste-weir arrangement had also been proposed to be met by adopting a surplussing arrangement of a R.C.C.Chute-spillway with a cement concrete lined tail channel. This design has been worked out by the Director, Central Water power, Irrigation & Navigation Research Station, Poona, at our request.

(2) What steps, if any, has Government taken or proposed to take to implement the scheme?

Government will consider the scheme after the plans and estimates are completed.

X (3) Whether it is a fact that Government had made a statement in this connection last year in the Bombay Legislative Council.

This office has no information.

X Vide pp 447-448 of B.L.C. Debates Vol. 18 part 9...

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(4) Whether it is a fact that this Project was sanctioned by Government in the year 1937 and had also entrusted this work to a Contractor.

From the records available in this office, it is see that the Yemgalli Reservoir Project was neither sanctioned by Government nor was it entrusted to any contractor in 1937. However, it is seen that the project for a smaller storage of 309 Mcft. and estimated to cost Rs.5,67,276/- was submitted to Government by the Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle in August 1939. But the project was shelved by Government in 1942 (vide Government letter No.1834/36-I,* dated 23-10-1942). However, the project again came up for consideration, during the latter half of 1943, when it was proposed to take it up as an emergency irrigation scheme in connection with the Government's Grow More Food campaign, which was in full swing then. Accordingly tenders were called for for the work and on the basis of the 1939 project, in response to which two tenders were received. These were submitted to Government early in 1944 along with rough plans and estimates of the 1939 project. On scrutiny of the technical aspects of the project, Government considered that the design of the waste-weirs and their channels being defective required to be settled satisfactorily before the project could be sanctioned and the tenders accepted. Accordingly, Government ordered fresh investigations in connection with the waste-weir design - please vide Government letter, P.W.D.No. 1834-36-I,# dated 29-3-1944. The project was subsequently abandoned as an emergency irrigation work, as a result of the investigations made. But the investigations were continued as per Government orders, please vide Government letter, P.W.D.No. 1834-36-I, dated 16-8-1944.*

* Slip A File No. 1834/36-I/3 p 227

Slip V File 1834/36 III 1943-51 p 67

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(5) Whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Minister for P.W.D. with the engineer in charge of Dharma Project, had recently visited the site of this project?

Yes - on the 21st of March 1951.

(6) Whether it is a fact that, on this occasion, the Hon'ble Minister had given an assurance to the people of the area that the scheme will be implemented as early as possible.

The Hon'ble Minister had told Shri.G.N.Desai, M.L.C. and Shri.Shindhur, a social worker of Hangal and other gentlemen who accompanied him that the scheme would be considered if an adequate local loan could be raised in Hangal Taluka.

(7) What is the present cost and past cost of estimates?

(a) Past cost of the project:- As per project estimate, submitted to Government by the Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, Belgaum for administrative approval, under his No.DA-7,* dated the 30th August 1939 was Rs.5,67,276/ (this project was for a smaller storage of 309 mcft.).

* Slip A File No. 1834/36-I p 1054

(b) Approximate cost as per project being prepared now (for a larger storage of 784 mcft.) - about Rs.60,00,000/-.

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(8) How long is the scheme pending?

This scheme of providing a storage reservoir on the Dharma river to feed the existing canal system, has been under consideration since 1908. But in recent years, the project has been delayed due to the difficulty of finding a satisfactory solution to the problem of locating a large waste-weir on nothing better than earth.

(9) Whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Minister, at the time of his visit to this sight, had suggested to the people of the area to advance loan to Government for the commencement of the work of this project.

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Yes. But no tangible proposal has come out from the people so far.

Superintending Engineer, K. I. C.

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P. W. D.

These papers deal with the Legislative Assembly Question No.3496 by Shri A.J.Doddameti (Dharwar North) regarding the Dharma River Project.

2. The present Dharma Canal system consists of a pick-up weir across the Dharma River at Shringari. The canal has a command of 14500 acres but the actual irrigation at present is restricted to about 9000 acres of paddy lands. During 1938-39 a project estimated cost Rs.5.67 lakhs for a storage Dam across the River Dharma at Yamagalli was prepared. The site at Yamagalli was found unsuitable due to certain technical difficulties and Govt. decided to get the scheme re-investigated. The investigations are now complete and the plans and estimates are under preparation. The present scheme consists of a reservoir which is designed to have an effective capacity of 784 m.c.ft. as against 309 m.c.ft. of the previous scheme. The scheme under preparation is estimated cost about Rs.60 lakhs. It is expected to irrigate an area of 14,000 acres. In view of the heavy commitments on certain other important projects and of the financial stringency it is impossible to take up this project for execution in the near future unless local loan to the extent of the estimated cost of the scheme is forthcoming.

3. In the light of the replies to the question given by the S.E., K.I.C., a draft reply to the L.A.Question is put up for approval.

23.10.51

Through D.E.(I):

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The papers with f.p. are sent to the P.A. to H.M. for reference, when the Assembly question is answered during the ensuing Session.

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. To P.A. to H.M. P.W.D.
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This question was replied to by H.M. on 16-1-52.

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DHARMA RIVER PROJECT.

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(2) What steps, if any, has Government taken or proposes to take to implement the scheme;

(2) Government will consider the scheme as soon as preparation of the plans and estimates is completed in the light of prevailing conditions including those of finance.

(3) Whether it is a fact that Government had made a statement in this connection last year in the Bombay Legislative Council;

(3) Yes. *

(4) Whether it is a fact that this project was sanctioned by Govt. in the year 1937 and had also entrusted this work to a contractor;

(4) No. The project was not sanctioned at all. The question of entrusting it with the contractors for execution does not, therefore, arise.

(5) Whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Minister, P.W.D. with the Engineer in charge, Dharma Project, had recently visited the site of the Project;

(5) Yes, on 21st March 1951.

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* Vide pp 447-448 of BLC Debates Vol 18 part 9 first up below.

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(7) What is the present cost and past cost of estimates;	(7) The cost was originally estimated at Rs.5.67 lakhs. The approximate cost of the project ~~that is being prepared~~ is Rs.60 lakhs.
(8) How long is the scheme pending ;	(8) The scheme of providing a storage reservoir on the Dharma River to feed the existing canal. has been under consideration since 1908.
(9) Whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Minister at the time of his visit to this site had suggested to the people of the area to advance loan to Govt. for the commencement of the work of this project ?	(9) Yes; but so far nothing has materialised.

No.LAQ 951 RRP-1 P. W. D.,
B.C.(Bombay No.1),
16th Nov. 1951.

Forwarded, with compliments, to the Secy., Bombay Legislature Deptt. with reference to his letter No.Q 3496 dated the 6-9-51.

By order of the G. of B.,

A. Secy.to the Govt. of Bbay,
P. W. D.

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By order of the Governor of Bombay,

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Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Public Works Department.

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